

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 19, 2024
11:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman David Money and Commissioners John Ralph Saunders, Jason Hudspeth, Henry Grimsley and Jay Jones.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation was given by Jay Jones.

Chairman Money stated that all commissioners are present, we do have a quorum.

Public Comment from Citizens.

None.

Comment from other Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Chairman Money recognized Rhonda Harrison, Matt Hatcher, Chad Sowell, Jimmy Jones, Ray Marler, and Sheriff.

Awards and Presentations

(A) Recognition of Joe Vickers in 27 years of service with the Road Department.

(B) Recognition of Judge Money in 12 years of service on the E-911 Board.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Money requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024, regular commission meeting. Henry Grimsley moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024, regular commission meeting seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Scheduled Public Hearing

None.

New Business

Chairman Money requested action to appoint a County Attorney. Henry Grimsley moved to appoint Derek Peterson as County Attorney effective January 21, 2025 seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to approve sell of 2021 EMA truck to the Sheriff Department and purchase new EMA truck. Jason Hudspeth moved to approve sell of 2021 EMA truck to the Sheriff Department and purchase new EMA truck seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to approve purchase of truck for Sanitation department. Jason Hudspeth moved to approve purchase of truck for Sanitation department seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to designate ARPA fund program director as County Administrator Dawn Shirley. Jay Jones moved to designate ARPA fund program director as County Administrator Dawn Shirley seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to approve contract with Beasley Construction Services, Inc. for the Henry County Jail Renovation. John Ralph Saunders moved to approve contract with Beasley Construction Services, Inc. for the Henry County Jail Renovation seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested permission to add an additional item to the agenda regarding contract with Tindall Corporation. John Ralph Saunders moved to add additional item to the agenda regarding contract with Tindall Corporation seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to approve a contract with Tindall Corporation for the modules at the jail. John Ralph Saunders moved to approve contract with Tindall Corporation for the modules at the jail seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to approve a resolution allocating remaining ARPA funds to Beasley Construction Services, Inc. for the Henry County Jail Renovation. Henry Grimsley moved to approve a resolution allocating remaining ARPA funds to Beasley Construction Services, Inc. for the Henry County Jail Renovation seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to enter into an agreement with Alabama Secretary of State to appoint Secretary of State to serve as its agent for the purpose of paying postage cost on voter notifications. Jay Jones moved to enter into an agreement with Alabama Secretary of State to appoint Secretary of State to serve as its agent for the purpose of paying postage cost on voter notifications seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested motion to go into an executive session. Henry Grimsley motioned to go into executive session seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested motion to come out of executive session. Henry Grimsley motioned to come out of executive session seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action on a claim against the County. John Ralph Saunders made motion to deny the claim seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business

None.

Reports from Staff

Chairman Money – See attached report.

Dawn Shirley, County Administrator – none.

Chris Champion, Engineer. – See attached report.

Spence Danzey, County Attorney – none.

Rhonda Harrison, Economic Development Director – See attached report.

EMA/Maintenance – none.

Safety Director/Sanitation -See attached report.

Sheriff – See attached report.

Discussion items by Commissioners

Joe Falkner – absent due to death in family

John Ralph Saunders – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you to all our staff for everything you do. Joe thank you for your service. I'm proud for you and Mrs. Shirlene on your retirement. We had a great ceremony at the airport and Judge's ceremony on Sunday was also very nice!

Jason Hudspeth – Thank everybody for coming. Merry Christmas and stay safe. Congratulation to Joe on your retirement. Thank you for all you've done and all you've given back to the community.

Henry Grimsley – Good to see each and everyone. Joe, if you have any trouble with your retirement give me a call. I want to thank Judge for everything you have done in the last 12 years – it has been tremendous because you got the job done! Merry Christmas to everyone!

Jay Jones – I want to thank the County for what it is and I hope we can carry it on and make it even better. We are not one of the richest counties, but we are one of the proudest. We are proud of everything we have. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by Jason Hudspeth and a unanimous vote, the commission adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.